



BY THE

Lords Justices and Council,

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PROCLAMATION.

Winchester, Gallway.



W H E R E A S the Engrossing of any sort of Provision, as also of Salt, Coals, and several other Commodities, with intent to Sell the same by Retail, and Inhaunce the Price thereof, is an hainous Offence punishable by the Laws of this Kingdom: And forasmuch as We are Informed, that diverse persons well knowing that much Salt must at this Season of the Year be made use of, in saving Provisions, as well for the Support of the Inhabitants of this Kingdom, as also of such as shall be Exported thereout, have Bought and Engrossed great quantities thereof, with design to Sell the same by Re-tail at excessive Rates by which unlawful means the price of Salt is of a sudden most extravagantly risen to the great Prejudice and Oppression of the Poor, and Detriment to the Trade of this Kingdom.

We therefore being desirous to prevent the mischiefs that attend such evil Practices and Designs, do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs, and other Chief Magistrates of any City, Town Corporate, Liberty or Precinct whatsoever, within this Kingdom, to use all lawful means and diligence, to find out and discover such Engrossers of Salt, and to take care that every such Offender may be Bound over, and Prosecuted for such his Offence at the next Assizes, or Quarter-Sessions, to be held in the respective Counties, Liberties or Precincts, where such Offence hath, or shall be Committed; Whereof they are not to fail, as they and every of them shall Answer for his and their neglect herein.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the Third Day of December, 1698.

Jo. Methuen, C. Narcissus Dublin, Meath, Mount-Alexander, Longford, Rich. Meath, Cha. Feilding, Rob. Doyne, H. Ingoldesby, Wa. Plunkett.

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